

LIGHTNING ROUND: INDUSTRY INNOVATIONS AND CRITICAL UPDATES DRIVING CLIMATE ACTION



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**REGENERATIVE
HAS THE
ADVANTAGE.**

WHY?

**HEALTHY SOIL
INCREASES THE
NUTRIENTS IN
OUR FOOD.**

**REGENERATIVE
FARMERS CAN
MAKE THE SOIL
HEALTHIER.**



**~24 MILLION
HOUSEHOLDS
ARE READY TO
HEAR THAT.***

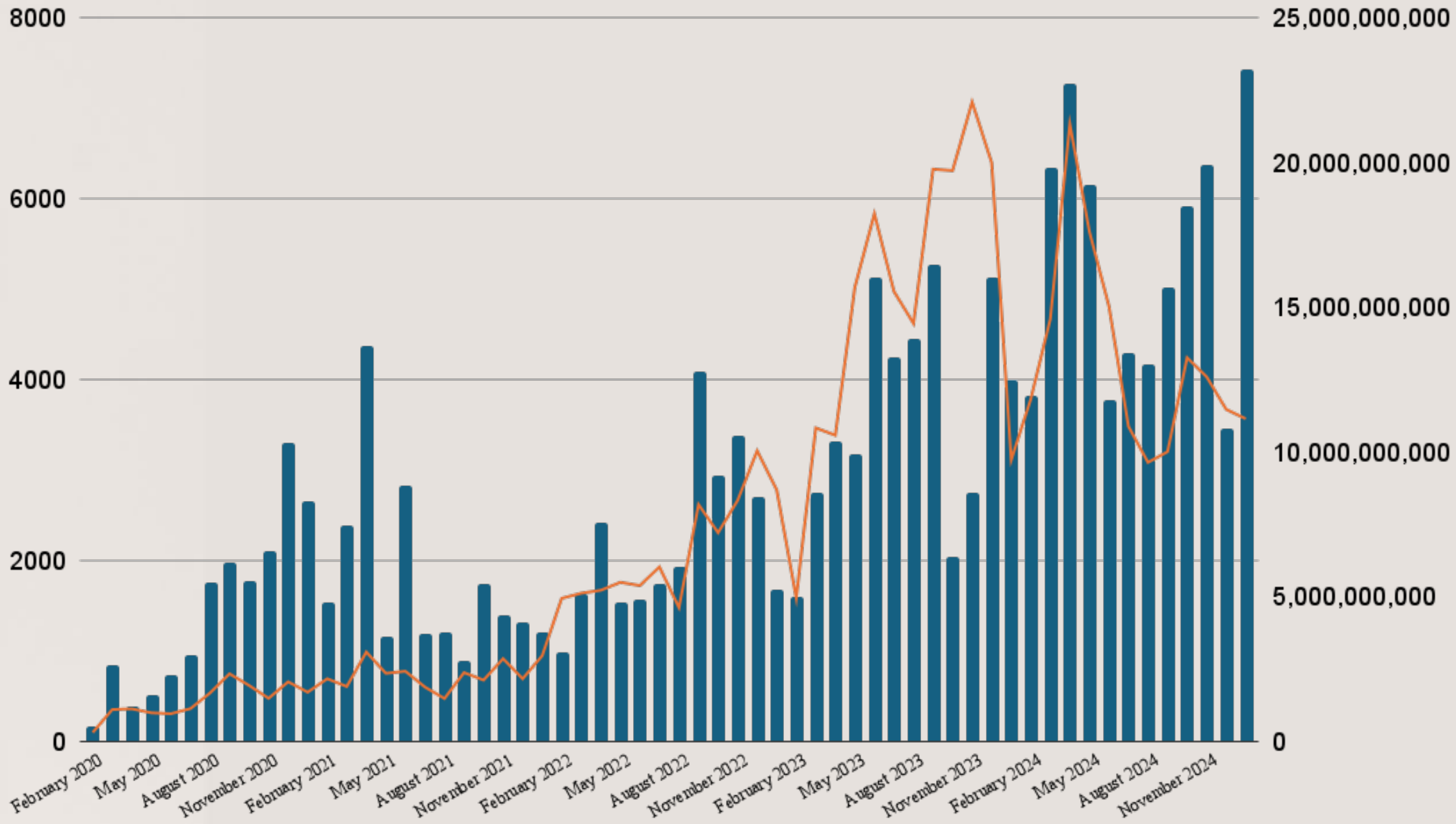
*Math derived by Smoketown from studies by
The Non-GMO Project, Regenified, Smoketown
and its clients, scaled down to account for
potential over-estimation.



**~\$167 MILLION
IN REVENUE
WITH JUST ONE
\$7 PURCHASE**

**AND THAT
DOESN'T EVEN
CAPTURE THE
TAILWINDS...**

**43% CAGR FOR
REGENERATIVE
MEDIA COVERAGE
SINCE 2020**



**REGENERATIVE
HAS THE
ADVANTAGE.**

**NOW HOW
CAN WE
ACT LIKE IT?**

**WE NEED MORE
COLLABORATION.
AGREE?**

Let's talk!



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**The
Almond
Project**



The Almond Project is a multi-year, farmer-led partnership created to identify more sustainable farming methods and pave the way towards a more resilient future for almonds.



Launched in 2021, A Scientific Soil Health Project

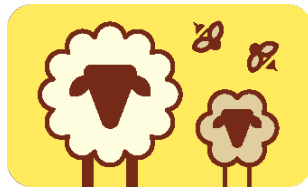
5 YEARS

160 acres with soil health practices
80 acres Organic, 80 acres conventional

150 acres comparison
75 acres Organic, 75 acres conventional



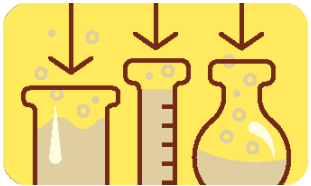
Cover Crops



Animal Integration



Increased Compost
Application



Input Reduction



Technical Assistance
+ Soil Testing



Ecological Outcome
Verification Trial

FOUNDING PARTNERS



DAILY HARVEST



Scientific Questions

Water

Can practices increase water use efficiency, increasing water holding capacity and infiltration rates?

Carbon

Can practices increase soil organic matter, correlating to carbon sequestration potential in the soil and increased belowground biomass of the trees?

Biodiversity

Can practices increase biodiversity above and below ground, including microbiological activity and beneficial insects?

Chemical Usage

Can these practices allow for a reduction in synthetic pesticide/fungicide/herbicide/fertilizer use?



NEW PARTNERS



NEW PROJECTS

- Trialing Certifications Beyond EOY
- Nutrient Density Testing
- Farm Practices Innovation Advisory
- Economic Modeling

**The almond commodity price
doesn't allow for optimal land
stewardship.**



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INVESTING IN FOOD SYSTEMS

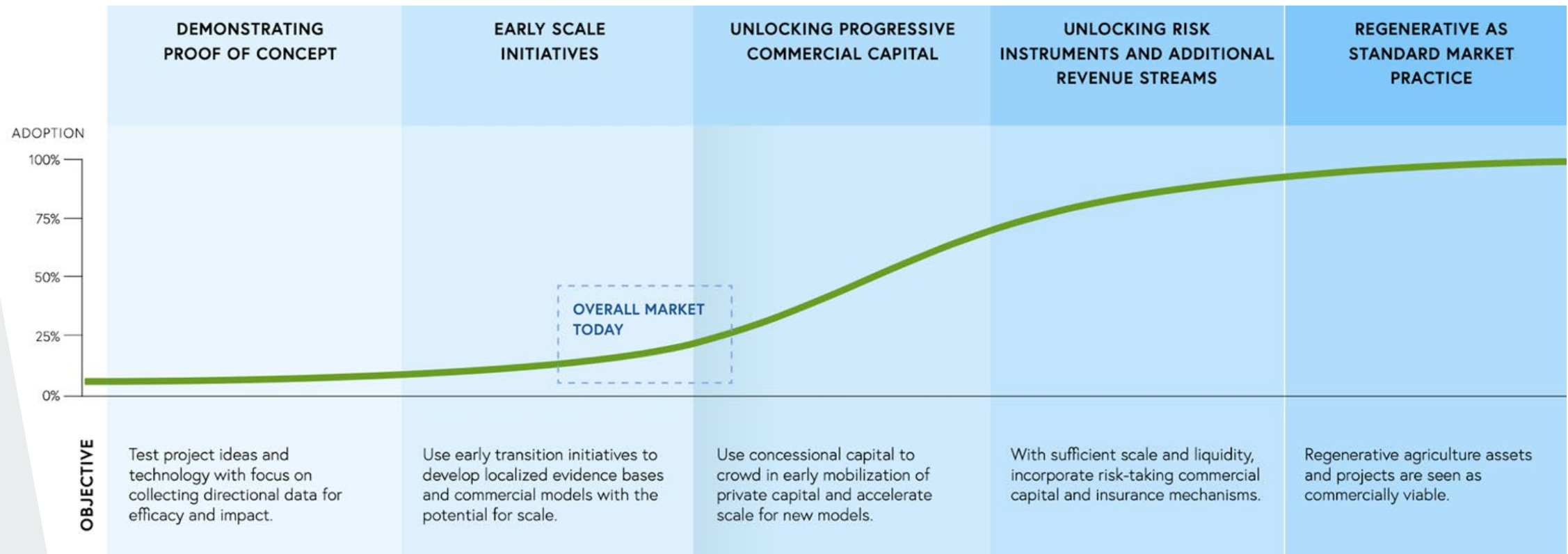
Market Pressures & Investment Risks

Tina Owens
Climate Day
Expo West
2025

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Market Maturity Curve

Where the Regenerative Market Is At



Excerpt from: Financing for Regenerative Agriculture – June 2024
Rockefellerfoundation.org

Regenerative Investment is Still Unfolding

Crop Insurance Coverage Gaps:

The primary barrier to future growth...

is **missing confidence** that regenerative financing will fit financiers' **current risk and reward standards**.

It's time we talked about Soil Health through the lens of **Actuarial Data for Insurance, Lending, Risk and Resilience**.

**From an Insurance Risk Perspective:
Having Poor Soil Health
is the same as Smoking.**

Your Company's Ultimate Risk is in Someone Else's Field or Forest



No-tillage corn field after a week of 0.5 to 1.5 inch scattered rain showers in Northwest Iowa.

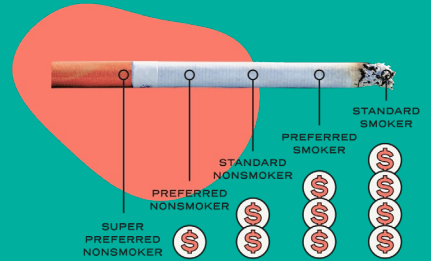


Conventional tillage corn field after a week of 0.5 to 1.5 inch scattered rain showers in Northwest Iowa.

**IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY**
Extension and Outreach

From an **economic and risk**
perspective:
heavy tillage, lack of continuous
ground cover and **decades of**
monoculture
lead to crop loss/risk data that is
akin to the difference between
smoking and non-smoking.

Non-smoker vs smoker premium amounts



Resilience and Risk Reduction

Insurance Companies are weighing the risks...

- Farmers who used ***no/low till, cover crops, and crop rotations*** for at least a few years had significantly reduced payouts vs. their conventional counterparts in recent disruptive weather events.
- Crop insurance companies are mapping their ***history of losses by commodity and their forecasted loss histories***.
- The innovative first adopting farmers have proven that ***Soil Health offers market resilience on farm and beyond***.
- The financial system is starting to adapt in recognizing this pivotal role and prioritize investment in farmer transition.



Crop Insurance **Private Risk Pool** Development



Do you source large crop volumes from this area of the Midwest?

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Thank You!



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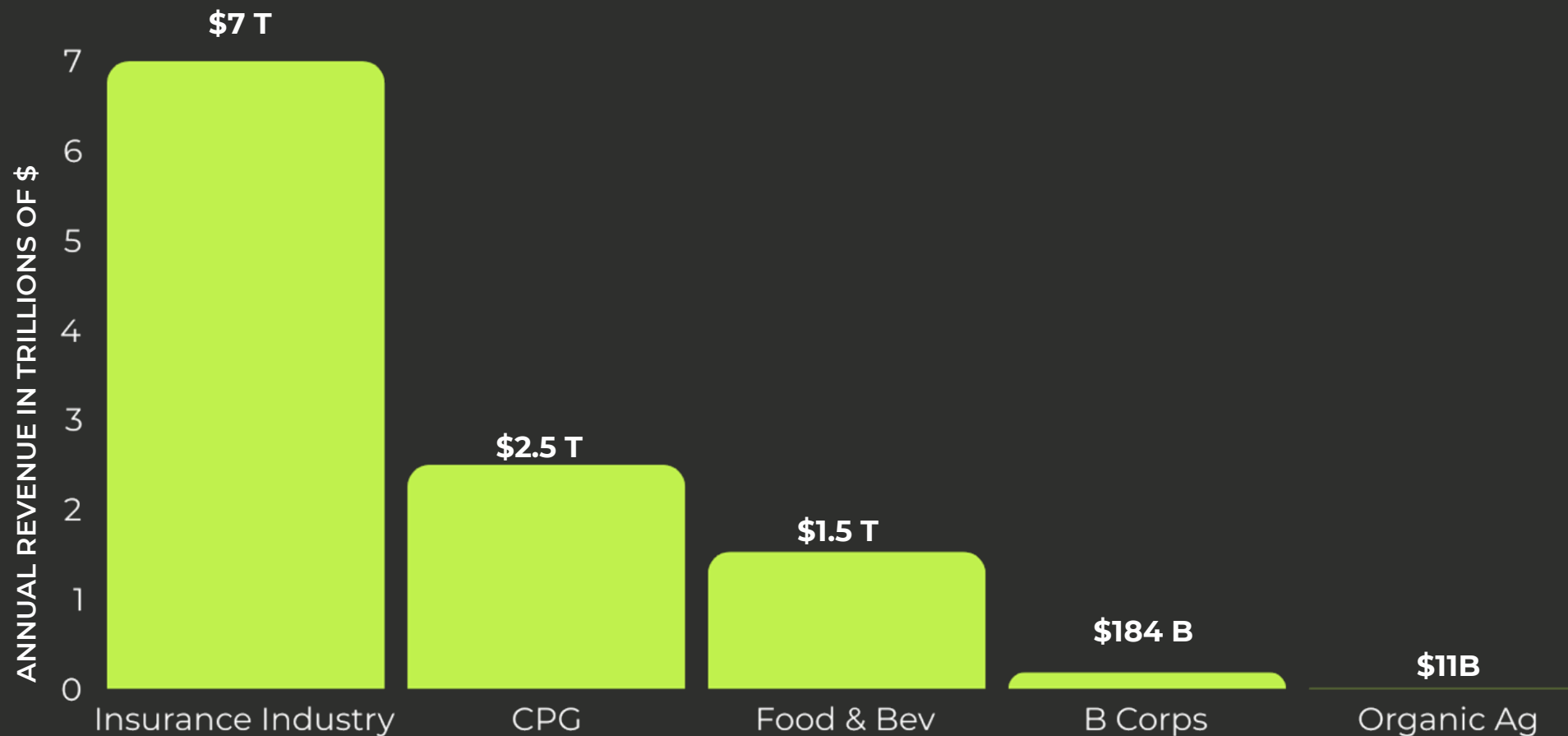


**WHERE
YOUR MONEY SLEEPS
IS UP TO YOU.**



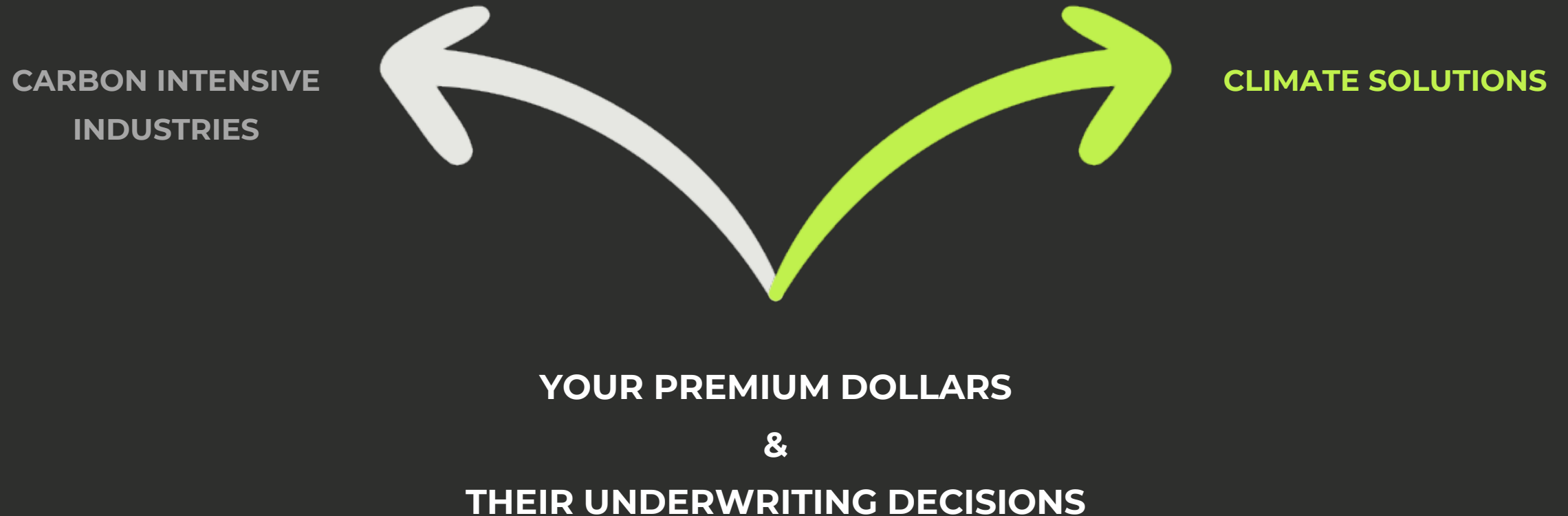
INSURANCE IS BIG

INSURANCE IS A FINANCIAL GIANT THAT SHAPES INDUSTRIES AND ECONOMIES



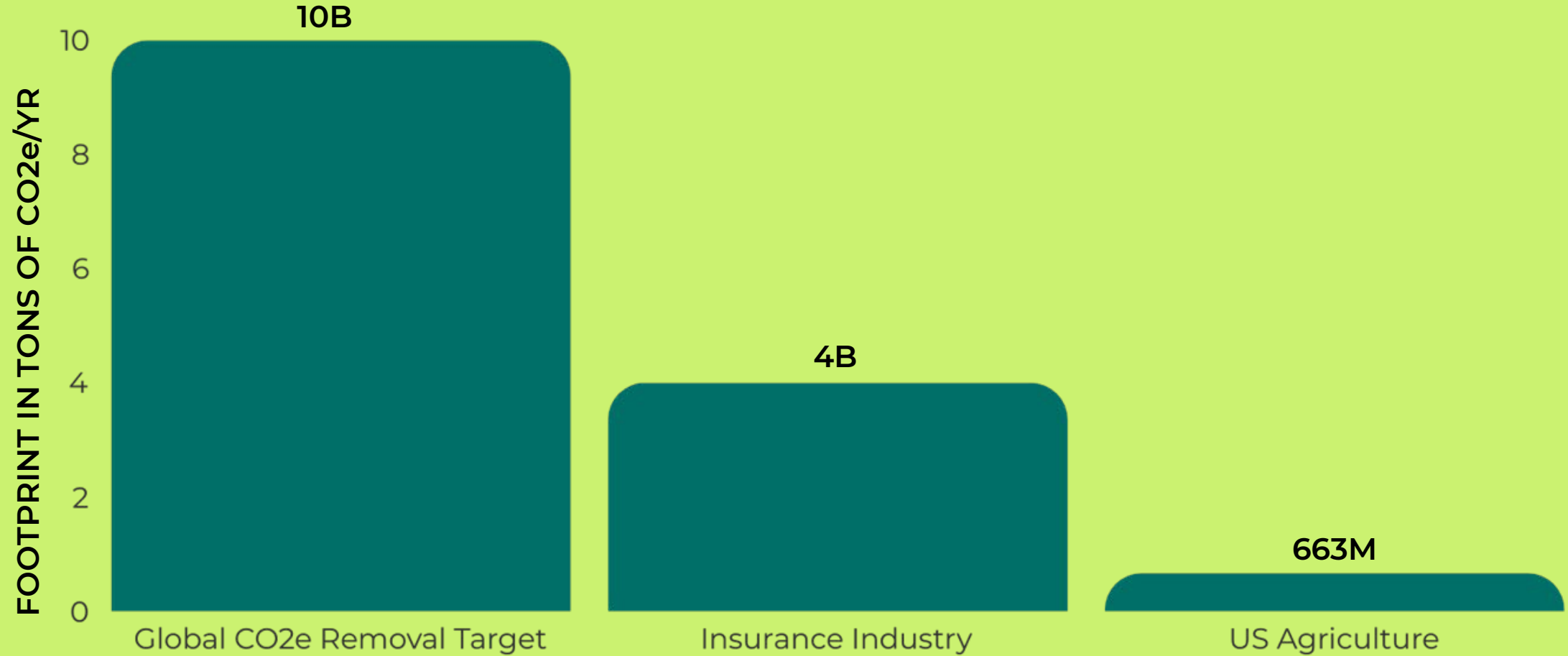
INSURANCE IS POWERFUL

INSURANCE CAN ENABLE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS OR INTENSIFY THE CRISIS



MORE PATHS TO BIG IMPACT

INSURANCE IS A FOOTPRINT THAT MATTERS



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